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## ***F A C T   S H E E T***

### ***ABOUT THE MTC ADVISORY COUNCIL***

The Advisory Council was established in 1995 in an effort to involve citizens from a diverse set of backgrounds and interest areas in the development of transportation plans and programs overseen by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Advisory Council provides an important forum for discussion and debate about regional transportation planning and policy issues.

The Advisory Council develops a work plan each year focusing on areas of interest for MTC Commissioners and relevant policy topics affecting Bay Area transportation. The council's work takes these three forms:

- Providing formal input on decisions and actions pending before the Commission;
- Actively and independently researching new initiatives that the committee believes might be relevant to the Commission; and
- Receiving updates from staff on transportation-related activities in the Bay Area.

The work of the Advisory Council has a broad focus including such subjects as the region's long-range transportation plan, proposed MTC positions on legislation affecting transportation services, transportation and land use policies, funding programs, and public involvement. The Advisory Council played a key role in creating the Transportation For Livable Communities program and subsequent program components such as the Housing Incentive Program. Thus, the Council is actively involved in all aspects of this particular MTC program.

The structure of the panel was recently updated and enhanced, and is composed of 24 representatives from a wide range of interest categories and from all nine Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma). Two members are appointed from each of these six categories: environmental, business, labor, academia, community and public safety. One member is appointed from each of the following user categories: freight, automobile, transit and non-motorized transportation. One member is appointed from each of four professional categories: architecture, construction, engineering and the news media. Additionally, two members are appointed from each of MTC's other advisory groups: the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee and the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee.

Advisory Council members serve two-year terms and are expected to attend their committee meetings, and to maintain an ongoing engagement with organizations and individuals from the category they represent. Members are encouraged to meet with Commissioners and to present their committee's recommendations to the Commission and/or committees of the Commission, as appropriate. Advisors receive a stipend for

attendance at the monthly meetings, held at MTC's offices in Oakland, on the second Wednesday of the month. Meeting times are typically 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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